

*List of inmates of the Vigo County Poor Farm
who were buried on the property*

date	first name	last name	race
6-4-1898	Roxie	Serles	B
7-1	John	Sharner	W
7-9	Elizabith	Cot	W
7-10	Nero	Bristo	W
7-26	Ros	Smith	W
9-29	Jacob	Weir	B
10-21	Polly	Gutherie	W
10-30	Richard	Adair	B
11-8	John	Broker	W
11-24	Wm.	Kizer	W
2-1-1899	John	Shay	W
2-1	Louisa	Hill	W
2-24	Ely	Sutherlan	W
4-21	Mahala	Lyford	W
4-22	Andrew	Skint	W
6-8	D.	Johns	W
8-31	Scott	Mcalister	W
2-28-1900	Chris	Shilling	W
4-21	John	Jackson	W
5-12	Fletcher	McChery	W
5-17	Jacob	Gutherie	W
6-12	William	Byand	W
6-30	John	Eagy	W
6-25	Alonzo	Serdan/Serdam	W
10-10	Tracy	Evans	W
10-19	Chris	Oelyard	W
10-31	Emma	Maning	B

12-14	Michael	Cooney	W
12-16	Infant of Mary	Romin	W
1-28-1901	Anna	McQuay	W
6-11	Hugh	Foley	W
7-14	Albert	Williams	W
7-29	Richard	Gerard	W
9-23	Infant of Emma	Perry	W
9-27	Anna	Philips	W
9-30	Elizabeth	Roach	W
11-10	Anna	Myers	W
3-16-01	Joseph	Davis	B
11-13	Joseph	Welch	W
12-30	Anna	Berry	W
1-31-1902	George	Aspinger	W
2-13	Martha J.	Beetem	W
3-2	Micheal	Coin	W
5-12	Edward	Hawkins	W
6-7	Julia	Smith	W
6-13	Anthy	Murphy	W
1-15-1903	John	Moore	W
6-5	Milton	Dilley	W
8-18	Miltan	Brown	W

From the records of the Vigo County Poor Farm/County Home, located in the archives of the Vigo County Public Library.

The spellings and order of the original document have been kept.

85-Year-Old Deed Recorded; Gave Land to Prairie Creek Cemetery

SEP 4 1957

An 85-year-old deed, falling to pieces on the folds, which gives part of the land for the Second Prairie Creek Regular Baptist Church Cemetery, was filed for record yesterday with County Recorder Ralph Baxter.

Written in old-fashioned script in ink that is rapidly fading, the deed records that John V. Carr and his wife, Mary M. Carr, "with natural love and affection" gave the land to the "Trustees of the Second Prairie Creek Regular Baptist Church and their successors."

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THE DESCRIPTION of the property, which is about three miles west of Pimento, is even more interesting, because no section, township or range is mentioned. It reads, "Two (2) acres and four (4) rods more or less beginning at the southeast corner of the Old Grave Yard, to wit, ten (10) rods east, thence eighteen (18) rods north, thence ten (10) rods west, thence eight (8) rods north, thence eighteen (18) rods west, thence eight (8) rods south to the northwest corner of the Old Grave Yard."

Record is being made of the deed, one of several giving land for the cemetery, because Herman Lee of 1301 South Eleventh Street, president of the current church

board, felt that deeds to the church property were falling apart so rapidly that photostatic copies should be made of them.

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HE TOOK THEM to the recorder's office yesterday. When a check was made by him and Mr. Baxter, it was found all the other deeds had been recorded but this one had not. The others are to be found in Book IV of the County Recorder's records. Mr. Lee left all for photostating and the one also for the record.

Other families giving land for the

cemetery included those of Boyle and French.

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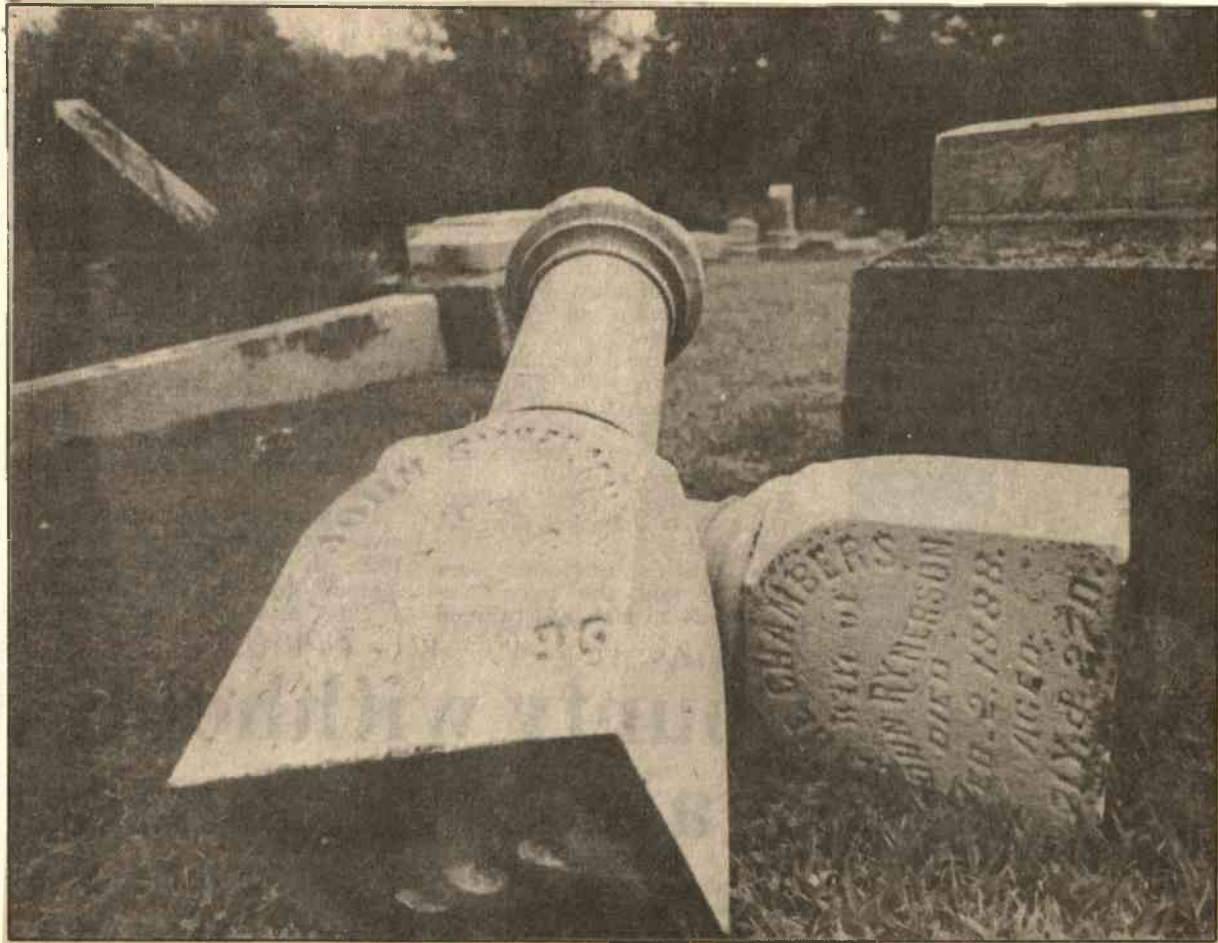
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Prairie Creek Cemetery

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Prairie Creek



Cemetery vandalized

Cemeteries (VC)

Tribune-Star/Doug McSchooler

T's AUG 6 1985

Tombstones dating to the 1800s in Prairie Creek Cemetery were severely damaged sometime between last week and Monday, Vigo Sheriff's Deputy Jim Jenkins said. About 21 tombstones were overturned, leaving half of them broken, Jenkins said. "They've had problems [over the

years] but nothing of this nature," said Jenkins, who suspects more than one person is responsible for the destruction. "Some of the stones are awfully heavy and I just can't imagine one person going out there and doing the damage," he said.

September 6, 1963

Office of Historian General, NSDAR
Administration Bldg.
1776 D Street, NW
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Madam:

Fort Harrison Chapter, DAR, has been asked to assist in marking the graves of two Revolutionary soldiers in a nearby country cemetery. We would be happy to comply but there is a complication.

We can locate no information concerning these two men other than that they were "the Hopkins twins" - no first names - no rank - no service records - etc.....

We have been given a photostatic copy of a very old cemetery plat map recently unearthed that shows the exact location of the graves. This cemetery, I might add, is the Prairieton Cemetery located in Vigo County, Ind. a few miles from Terre Haute, Ind.

Will this be enough to apply for government markers?
Can you advise us please?

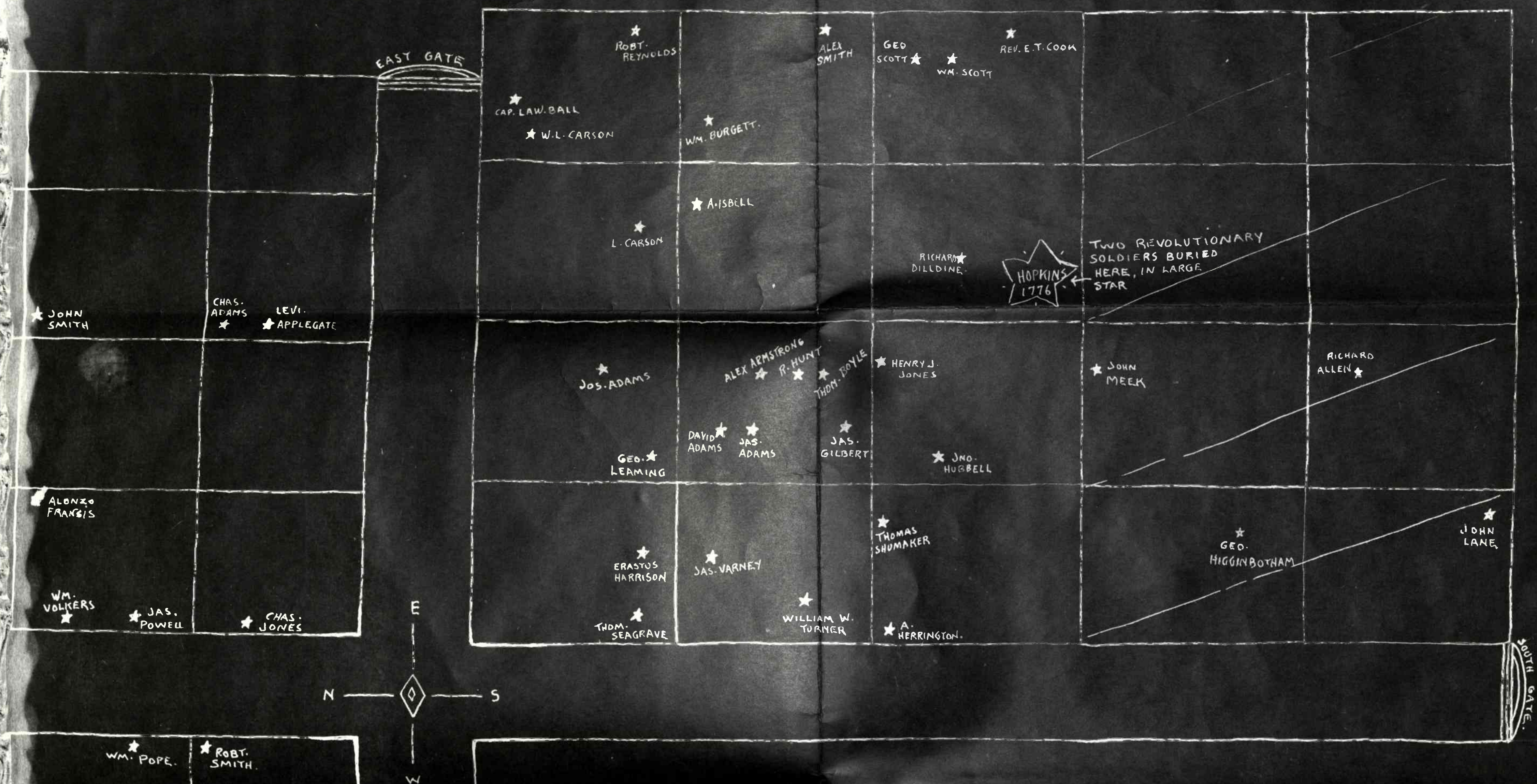
Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Robert I. Clark, Past Regent &
Lineage Research Chairman
Fort Harrison Chapter, DAR
2032 North Eighth Street
Terre Haute, Ind.

P.S. Can you send me the proper application forms needed to apply for government tombstones? Thank you.

Mrs. Cliff Reynolds RR1 TH
W-2380

Acc to Mrs. R. 7 hrs from Winston-Salem, N.C. came to
Vigo co, Ind. & settled in the Pr. neighborhood for a period. Still
Her husband, Robert Reynolds ~~was~~ d. in 1928, so the
maps ~~must~~ ^{must have been} made shortly after that date as his grave loc was indicated.
The map maker John Thomas Reynolds d. in 1936 at the age of 91. His exact
relationships was not known possibly an uncle of Robt. as he was older.

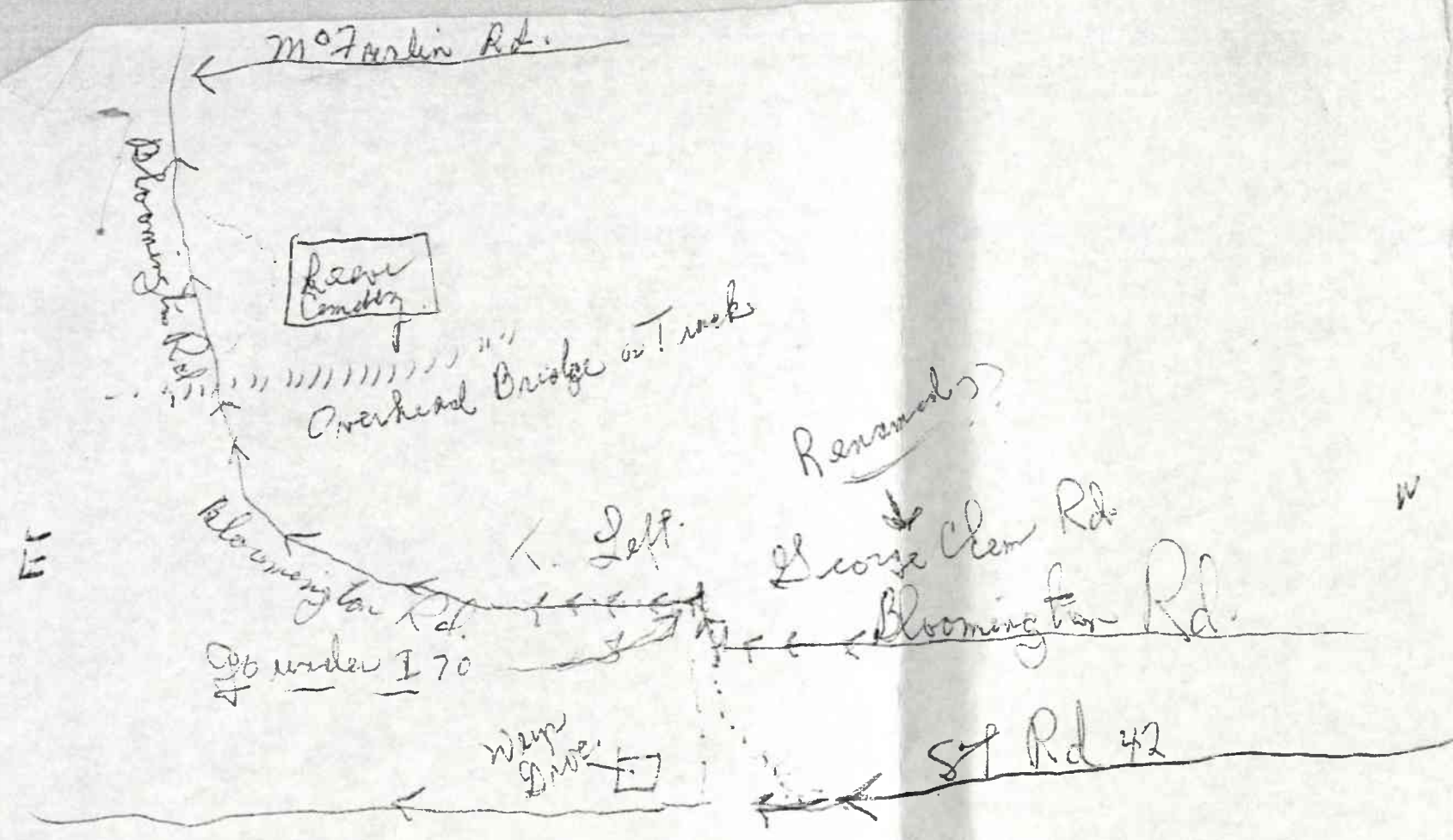


"PRAIRIETON CEMETERY"

"STARS" MARK THE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR OF 61, WHO ARE BURIED AT PRAIRIETON, IND.

(PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS CHART BE DESTROYED AS IT IS THE ONLY RECORD OBTAINABLE.) GRAVES IDENTIFIED BY,

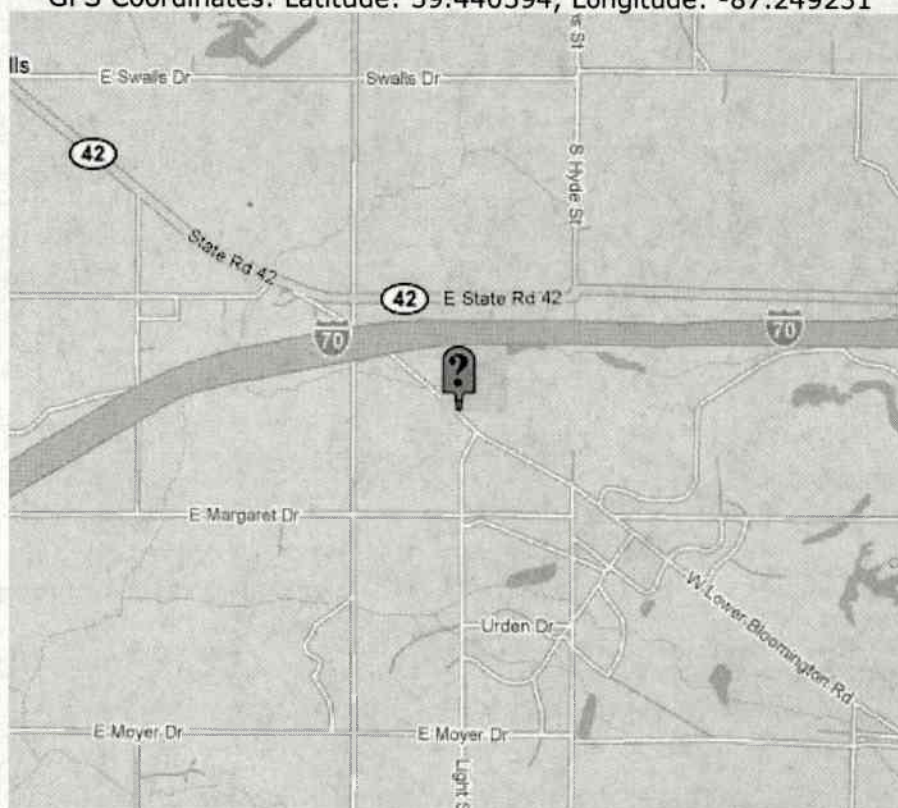
COMRADE "JOHNNIE" REYNOLDS.



Added to Nancy Skill at Library

Interactive map and GPS data:

GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 39.440394, Longitude: -87.249231



Click and drag on the map to view surrounding area.

Cemeteries (WV) Richter Cemetery

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Shown on "BRAZIL WEST" Topographical Map

THIS CEMETERY IS LOCATED ON PROPERTY THAT WAS OWNED BY THE MORLAND FAMILY. IT IS IN THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, IN NEVINS TOWNSHIP. NEAR THE OTTER CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, ON THE NORTH EDGE OF WHAT WAS ONCE FOLEYVILLE. THERE ARE 9 STONES IN THE CEMETERY, 8 SMALL STONES AND ONE LARGE MONUMENT THAT HAS INSCRIPTIONS FOR 6 OF THE OTHER STONES. LISTED BELOW ARE THE INSCRIPTIONS OF READABLE STONES.

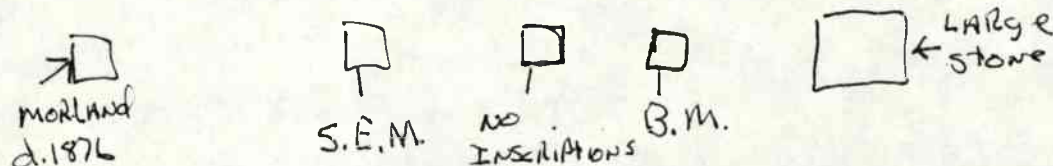
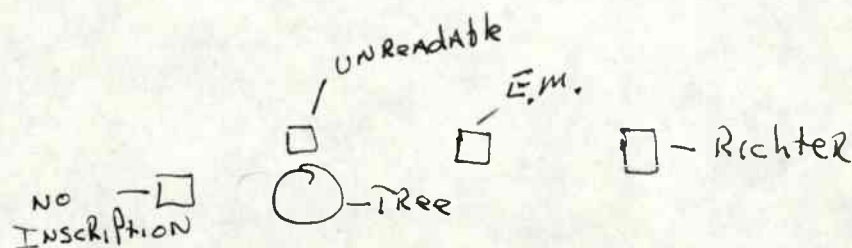
GEORGE W. SON OF E & M J
RICHTER
DIED AUGUST 21 1875
AGED 2 Y 9 M 2 D

UNREADABLE
MORLAND
DIED 1876

MARY DAUGHTER OF
G W & G
MORELAND
SAMUL L.
DIED 5 AUGUST 1864
ELIZA
UNREADABLE

ON SAME ^{LARGE} stone

BELOW IS A LAYOUT OF THE STONES. CONTACT THE OWNER OF THIS PROPERTY BEFORE LOOKING. LAND IS "POSTED"



INSCRIPTIONS READ AND COPIED BY:
MIKE DAVIS 16 JUNE 1992

NE 1/4 Sec 30 T 13 N R 7 W

Cemetery Records - Vigo County

Richter Cemetery

Francis B. Shepherd Co. M 4Th. Indiana Calvary (No Dates)

Nancy Stewart Born: Oct. 11, 1864 Died: Mar. 13, 1923

Edward D. Stewart Pvt. 325 Field Artillery 84 Div.
Died: Oct. 19, 1918

Frank Stultz Born: Dec. 5, 1870 Died: April 1, 1936

Emma C. (Neaderhiser) Perry 1900-1949

Mabel L. Perry 1896-1941

James Perry 1893-1962

Infant Perry (No Name Or Dates)

Susie Perry Born: Sept. 12, 1874 Died: April 21, 1902

Virgil E. Meneely 1895-1896

Dovie Sarchett, Wife of J.B. Sarchett Dates; 1869-1932

Walter Sarchett W.W. 1 Vet. 1892-1918

Barbra? French, Wife of H.H. French (Stone was broken)
Died: Jan. 20, 1903 Age: 38yrs. 1mo.

Levi Richter (Civil War Vet.) 1845-1917

Lucy Richter (Wife of Levi) 1845-1928

Children of Levi & Lucy:

Haley E. Born: May 24, 1870

Henry L. Born: Jan. 6, 1876

Barney S. Born: Nov. 20 (Year not readable)

Henry G. Richter Born: Dec. 17, 1806 Died: Feb. 25, 1890

Infant of Ezra & Hannah Christopher Born & Died Feb. 28, 1873

Sarah M. Eveland, Wife of M.J. Eveland
Born: March 12, 1880 Died: Sept. 6, 1908

Infant Died: Jan. 28, 1870 (Name not readable)

Infant Died: 1934, Son of Mrs. & Mr. Searcy

Charles C. Meneely 1861-1953

Flora M. Meneely (Wife of Charles) Died: March 4, 1939 Age: 75yrs.
3mo. 2da.

Child of Charles & Flora Died: Jan. 15, 1931?

Richter Cemetery Cont.

Noble Meneely Died: April 16, 1879

Children of N.C. Meneely:

Isabell Meneely Died: Oct. 7, 1864 Age: 5yrs. 25das.

Cora A. Meneely Died: Dec. 13, 1869 Age: 5yrs. 7mos.

Sidny A. Stew--- (Name on same stone, no dates, part unreadable)

Nancy Smith (On Redifer stone, other side of stone not readable)
Born: March 19, 1844

John J. Rowe Born: May 1, ~~1887~~ 1876 Died: May 31, 1954
Myrtle Rowe (wife of John) Born: June 3, 1876 Died: Feb. 3, 1917

Mary E. (Last name not readable) Died: March 28, 1865
George R. (Last name not readable) Died: March 16, 1867
(Some other stones not readable)

Location of cemetery:
Approx. 1mi. south of Rio Grande Rd. near Fontanet In.

Compiled by Joseph L. Rotman

June 15, 1992

Richter Cemetery - SW ¼ Sec 30 T 13 N R 7 W
Go east of U.S. 40 to county line just this side of Cloverland.
Turn left (north). Cemetery is approximately 2 ½ miles north
or right side of road and is clearly visible from road.

BLACK HISTORY NEWS & NOTES

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Roberts Cemetery Association Records, 1873-1911

Kisha Tandy

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Rural settlements in Indiana provided a place of refuge for many free persons of color and newly emancipated slaves prior to the Civil War. Though slavery was prohibited by law in the Northwest and Indiana territories, and by the 1816 Indiana Constitution, it existed during the time period. In 1851 when the constitution was revised, Article 13 forbade blacks and mulattoes from entering the state. In an effort to enforce Article 13, an 1852 enactment instructed county clerks to compile the Register of Negroes and Mulattoes for their given county. Lawmakers advocated for colonization of blacks who made Indiana their home. Theoretically, violators of Article 13 could be fined, generating funds to assist with colonizing Indiana's black residents.

Evidence suggests that a large proportion of early black settlers migrated from North Carolina and Virginia. Many came with the assistance of the Society of Friends. Blacks from North Carolina established the Lost Creek settlement in the northern section of Vigo County in 1823. These individuals had been persuaded by the laudatory comments of Bowen Roberts, an explorer who found the land to be "full of promise."

The Lost Creek settlement maintained the largest number of black farmers in the state. Residents were able to acquire land from private owners and government land grants. The settlers were

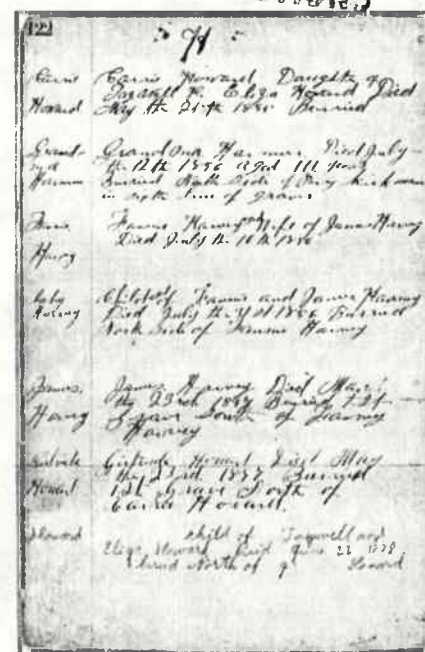
prosperous homesteaders with some residents obtaining relatively large amounts of land. Among those who achieved land ownership was Kinchen Roberts from Virginia, the proprietor of 280 acres of land and the namesake of the Roberts Cemetery. Roberts married Nancy Stewart. Their son, Bannister, was the first individual to die at the settlement. The couple owned the land that became the Roberts Cemetery.

Five years after the death of Kinchen in 1870, his son Reddin, donated 1½ acres of land for the purpose of burying the residents of Lost Creek, Nevins Township, and Otter Creek. The property of Kinchen and Nancy was used earlier in the settlement's history, when in 1835, the couple made available land to be used for the community's first school which also served as a church.

Sources: Xenia Cord, "Black Rural Settlements in Indiana before 1860." *Black History News & Notes* 27 February 1987: 4-8.

Emma Lou Thornbrough. *Indiana in the Civil War Era, 1850-1880*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau & Indiana Historical Society, 1965.

Emma Lou Thornbrough. *The Negro in Indiana Before 1900: A Study of a Minority*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1957. Reprint, Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1993.



Page from Roberts Cemetery (Vigo County) record book.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

A one-volume ledger (M0784) at the Indiana Historical Society contains burial records for the Roberts Cemetery of the Lost Creek settlement in Vigo County, Indiana, dating from 1873 to 1911. The entries include the names of the deceased, parents, date of death, and the grave location within the cemetery. In some cases the name of the minister who conducted the funeral services, the date of the funeral, and the text from which the lesson was derived are listed. The ledger also includes a listing for the memorandum and bylaws, as well as a section designated for the officers and trustees of the Roberts Cemetery Association.

Constance (WV) Roberts

ROGERS CEMETERY

SW1/4 Section 7, T12N, R8W

Lost Creek Township / Vigo County List #18

Markle List #18 / Mattox-Wood List #50 / Not on Callahan List

This cemetery is in northeast Terre Haute, Lost Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana, north of Maple Avenue and south of Fort Harrison Road. It was reportedly moved by the US Government in late 1940's to Highland Lawn Cemetery. However, letter dated September 19, 2003, from the City Cemetery Department states that is impossible. Dates in() are calendar configured.

Last	First	Middle	Maiden	DOB	DOD	Notes
Dailey	Arminta			(1830 Apr 18)	1917 Dec 17	wife of James / 87y8m3d
Dailey	Blanche			1880	1944	
Dailey	James			(1838 Jan 06)	1889 Jul 02	51y5m26d
Dailey	Kate			1868	1931	
Fuller	Charles			1881 Mar 24	1940 Jun 25	
Fulton	Mary			1828	1903	
Fulton	Mary	E.		1854	1918	
Fulton	Robert	J.		1856	1907	
Fulton	Thomas			1828	1912	
Gerber	Maudie		Rogers	1867 Sep 25	1907 Aug 04	wife of Walter
Hudson	Harry			1889	1904	
Johnston	Ida	E.		1866	1928	
Knight	Susannah			(1835)	1855 Aug 09	wife of Joseph / 20yr / <i>Markle List</i>
Rogers	Aquila			1838 Apr 23	1895 Oct 15	
Rogers	Caroline		McCabe	(1840)	1890 Jan 01	wife of Aquila / 50yr
Rogers	Charles	Franklin		(1864)	1891 Oct 30	son of A & C / 27yr
Rogers	Emma	A.		1865 Jul 24	1897 Sep 16	wife of William
Rogers	Frank	A.		1892 Jan 09	1926 Apr 23	
Rogers	Harry	M.		1888 Aug 30	1913 Jan 03	
Rogers	William			1863 Jan 20	1937 Nov 07	
Scott	Caroline			1844 Apr 10	1912 Feb 25	
Scott	Claude	D.		1872 Mar 15	1945 Apr 30	
Scott	Jennie	M.		1874 Apr 16	1945 Jul 19	
Scott	Kate	M.		1865 Dec 21	1954 Dec 09	
Scott	Louise	H.		1897 Mar 23	1909 Dec 01	
Scott	Margaret	M.		1889 Apr 14	1955 Mar 09	
Scott	Merritt			1834 Mar 03	1919 Dec 04	
Scott	Otto	R.			1922 Jul 13	
Scott	Pearl	B.		1874 Feb 15	1932 Jun 17	
Scott	Porter	C.		1870 Feb 17	1917 Mar 23	

Scott	Robert		1881 Feb 10	1942 Oct 02	
Simmons	Barbary		(1788 Apr 20)	1861 May 20	wife of Wm. Sr / 73y1m/ <i>Markle List</i>
Simmons Sr	William		(1797 Nov 30)	1859 Jan 11	61y1m11d
Smith	Jessie	Rogers	1886 Dec 12	1928 Dec 05	
Speck	Em	T.	1868 Jan 20	1925 Aug 26	

We miss thee from home, dear Mother,
 vve miss thee from thy place
 A shadow o'er our life is cast
 We miss the sunshine of thy face.

City of Terre Haute

BOARD OF CEMETERY REGENTS Highland Lawn, Woodlawn Cemeteries

4420 East Wabash Avenue
Terre Haute, Indiana 47803
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Fax 812-877-2532

LENNIE SNYDER
Superintendent



Judith A. Anderson
Mayor

September 19, 2003

Vigo County Public Library
Attn: David Lewis
One Library Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Dear David,

It has come to my attention that there has been a book published with incorrect information in it's content. It is necessary to make a correction of that information published in Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana, Volume 1, page 82.

This page states the following paragraph:

"Rogers Cemetery – This cemetery was moved by the US Government in late 1940s to Highland Lawn Cemetery on route 40 at the east edge of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana. Later deaths have been added to this plot."

Following that statement is a list of names of persons buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery in Section 2, lots 60, 61 and 62. I have checked the records from the original interment books and found that all of those persons were interred in those locations at the time of their deaths. None have been moved from Rogers Cemetery, or any other cemetery. As these books are in chronological order, it would be impossible to alter the books to reflect a burial taking place at a later date. Anytime a removal from a cemetery is made, the request is made to the State of Indiana. Without the documentation the removal and reinterment cannot be made. The receiving cemetery is required to maintain those documents after the reinterment.

Should any persons request information regarding any of these burials, they may contact our office.

Yours truly,

Roxe Anne Kesner, Clerk
City Cemetery Department
City of Terre Haute

Jim Bedwell
829 Leatherwood Drive
Greenwood, Indiana
46143-3035
317/889-9717

6 March, 1995

Mr. David Lewis
Vigo County Public Library
Terre Haute, IN

Dear David,

During a conversation with you last summer, I mentioned the cemetery that was enclosed by the Roots Store in downtown Terre Haute. Having never heard of the cemetery before, you asked me to try to document it.

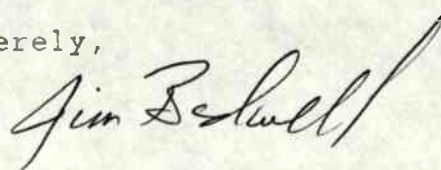
I had never seen it myself, but was told about it by others who had. My parents were familiar with it; my father, James Bedwell, actually saw it in the 1940's or 1950's, long before the store was torn down. A family friend, James Victor Moore, was an employee of Roots in the 1950's, and showed the cemetery to my father on one occasion.

I asked my father to recount that occasion. He said access to the cemetery was from an underground passageway. In the southeast corner of the basement of the Wabash Store there was a tunnel that went south under the alley to the Ohio Street Store. There was a door on the west side of the tunnel. When the door was opened you could see a grassy area (there were no weeds) about eight feet square that was open to the sky, about two stories above. There was at least one headstone and it was obviously a cemetery.

John Waller, in WALLER FAMILY TREE (copy available in your library) said "The third burial place (in Terre Haute) was on the east side of Sixth Street, between Wabash Avenue and Ohio Street. Same process as to Old Indian Orchard". Earlier he had mentioned that Old Indian Orchard was a cemetery on the site of the American Can factory, more recently known as the Pillsbury plant, and by the "...same process..." he meant "I observed unearthing large numbers of human bones which they discarded along with the dirt thrown over the river bank". In other words, buildings were built over cemeteries and the excavated human remains were discarded with the dirt they were in. Perhaps there was only one permanent headstone in this cemetery and it was the one enclosed by Ohio Street store.

A suitable aerial photograph of downtown Terre Haute in the 1940's through 1960's could confirm the existence of the air shaft.

Sincerely,



Thomas funeral home at 1845
Friday afternoon. The Rev.
lly will conduct the service
will be in the Rosedale Cem-
e body was returned to the
ay evening and will remain
11 o'clock Sunday morning
ill be taken to the Thomas
ome.

EARL KIRSEY.
sey, 71 years old, died at his
R. R. 6, Terre Haute, at 2
unday morning. The body was
the Gillis Memory Chapel.

WILLIAM A. MENG.
E, Ind., March 10.—(Special)
A. Meng, 49 years old, died
t 6 o'clock Friday evening at
near here. He is survived by
Caroline Prose Meng; two
r L. and John W., both at
daughters Erma L., at home,
Mary M. Squires of Carlisle,
vo brothers, Ferne E. of West
e, and Elmer of Carlisle. R.
sisters, Mrs. Mabel Nilwald
Mrs. Elsie Ayres of Indi-
re, Helen Griggs and Miss
g, both of Sullivan; Mrs.
ance of Helmsburg, Ind.; Mrs.
nks of Deedsville, Ind., and
s Spencer of Rockford, Ill.,
and children. The body was
the Reisinger & Kreege Fu-
e and was returned to the

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Roselawn

T.H. Gazette 8-2-85
Roselawn breaks ground
Cemeteries (VC)

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new mausoleum addition at Roselawn Memorial Park were held Thursday morning, August 1st, at 10 o'clock.

The new mausoleum addition will provide above ground entombment facilities for seventy-two people and is being built at a cost of slightly more than \$100,000. The general contractor is Earl Rodgers and Associates of West Terre Haute.

resting place for more than 22,000 persons, and nearly 50% percent of all Vigo County burials take place annually at Roselawn.

Roselawn Memorial Park, located five miles north of Terre Haute on old U.S. 41, is the only private perpetual care cemetery in the Terre Haute area to provide mausoleum entombment for those persons desiring above ground burial.

Roselawn Memorial Park is the final

Roselawn Memorial Park Scene of Groundbreaking

Ground breaking ceremonies were held at Roselawn Memorial Park Friday for a new office building.

The 1,200 square foot building will house the central office of the association with a portion of the building occupied by the Memorial Art Studio.

Since its beginning in September 1929, Roselawn has maintained a downtown office in the Chamber of Commerce Building. In the early years, this office was utilized for permanent records of the cemetery as well as a sales office from which as many as seven full-time salesmen worked at a time.

"In recent years," a spokesman for the Board of

Directors said, "It was becoming clearer that the need for the office to be at the cemetery was evident. We now will be better able to serve our lot owner and clients for Rock of Ages markers with the park office."

Roselawn was started in 1929 on an initial plot of 50 acres. Adjacent property has been purchased over the years and currently some 294 acres are owned by Roselawn. Approximately 25 per cent of the

acreage is developed and it has been estimated Roselawn owns sufficient property to serve the community for 200 years.

Roselawn has perpetual care funds in the form of irrevocable trusts at the Terre Haute First National Bank to assure perpetual care to the lot owners and at the Merchants National Bank for perpetual care of the mausoleums. Present valuation of these funds in cash and property at Roselawn is nearly one million dollars.

Completion date for the new office building has been set for February 1977, by Marsh Inc., designer for the building.

The memorial garden-type cemetery actually began in Cincinnati, Ohio, by Adolph Strauch, a landscape gardener of the Royal Gardens of London. Many of these modern, beautiful, garden-type cemeteries are evident across the country. Roselawn has often been rated as one of the top ten such cemeteries in the country.

An open house for the public will be scheduled after the completion of the building.

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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES were held at Roselawn Memorial Park Friday for a new office building which will house the central office of the the association with one-third of

the building occupied by the Memorial Art Studio. Roselawn was started in September 1929, on an initial plot of 50 acres. To date over 17,000 burials have been made in the park.

House of Photography Photo.

Rouse takes new job with cemetery

Cemeteries (UC) T: JUN 21 1985
Bob Rouse is the new general manager of Roselawn Memorial Association and Memorial Arts Studio. He will be in charge of the cemetery, 7500 Clinton Road, in which 22,000 persons are buried. Nearly 50 percent of all Vigo County burials take place annually at Roselawn, according to a Roselawn press release.

Rouse had worked the past eight years as general manager of WVTS-FM 101. The station was sold Monday to Bright Tower Communications Inc. of Indianapolis.

"Roselawn is fortunate to have a man of Bob's caliber and experience to take charge and insure that the Roselawn tradition of growth, progress and care will continue under his guidance," Wayne Sherer, president of the Roselawn board of directors, said in the announcement.

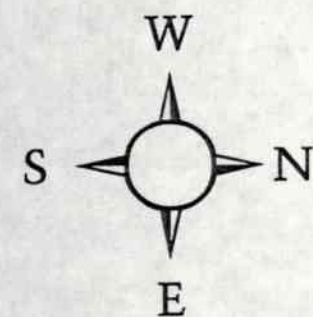
Rouse, who began his new position Wednesday, noted: "It's surprising the amount of duties [associated with the new job]. One generally doesn't think there's much to do at a cemetery. But with a

perpetual-care facility such as Roselawn, I'll have my hands full — looking after the grounds, the markers, coordinating with funeral directors. And we're planning a new addition for the mausoleum. ... There's just a million things."

About the shift from managing a radio station to managing a cemetery, Rouse said, "Frankly it's a wide change for me and I've got a great deal to learn. I've been in the communications business nearly 26 years, and I think I have an ability to communicate with people. I feel I'll be able to use those skills at a time of sadness and distress in their lives. A major part of any business is that basic communications ability."

"I think you will see Roselawn become more aggressive and more involved in community activities," Rouse added about his new role.

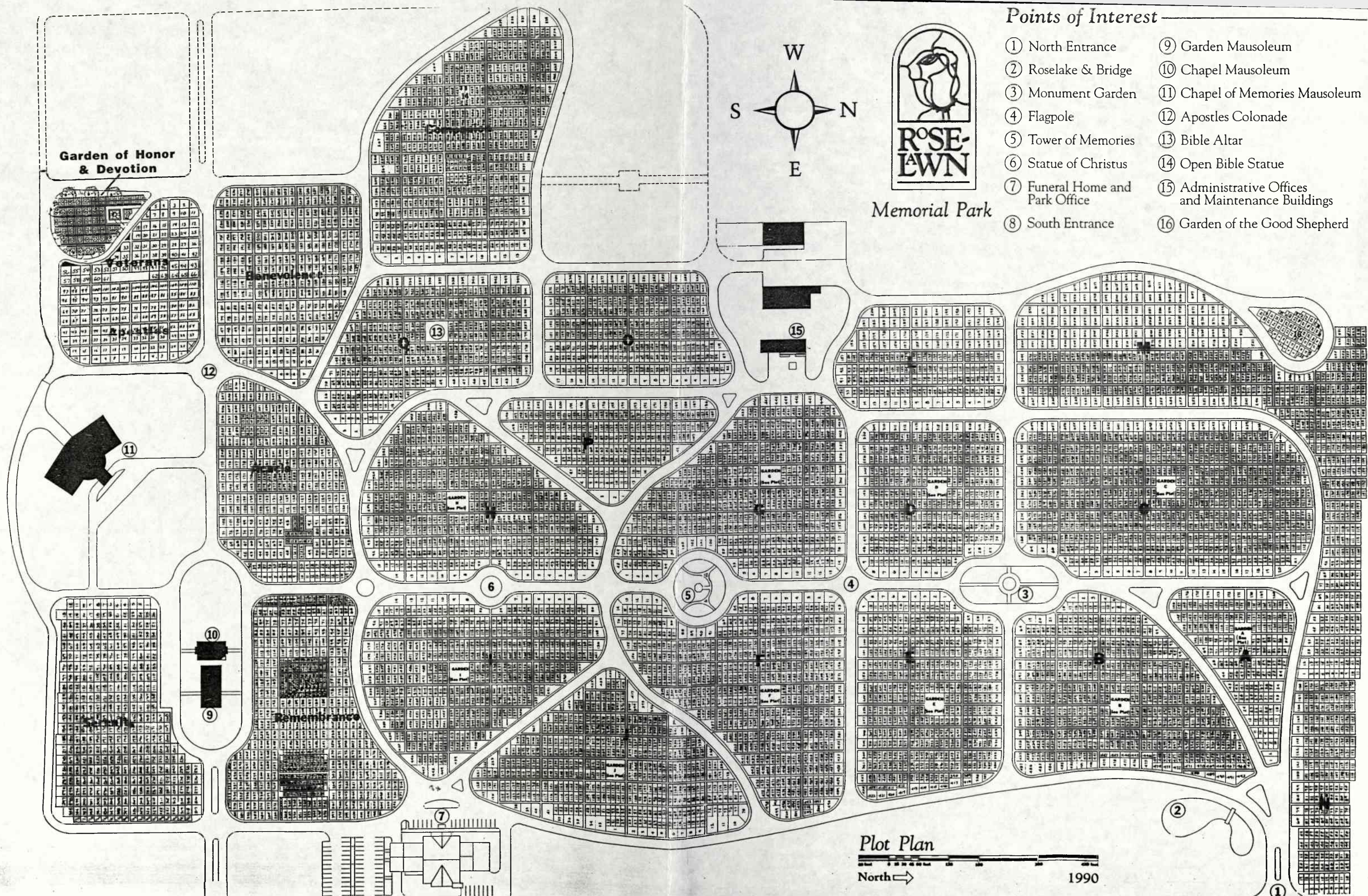
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Memorial Park

Points of Interest

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| ① North Entrance | ⑨ Garden Mausoleum |
| ② Roselake & Bridge | ⑩ Chapel Mausoleum |
| ③ Monument Garden | ⑪ Chapel of Memories Mausoleum |
| ④ Flagpole | ⑫ Apostles Colonade |
| ⑤ Tower of Memories | ⑬ Bible Altar |
| ⑥ Statue of Christus | ⑭ Open Bible Statue |
| ⑦ Funeral Home and Park Office | ⑮ Administrative Offices and Maintenance Buildings |
| ⑧ South Entrance | ⑯ Garden of the Good Shepherd |



Plot Plan



Business Route US 41

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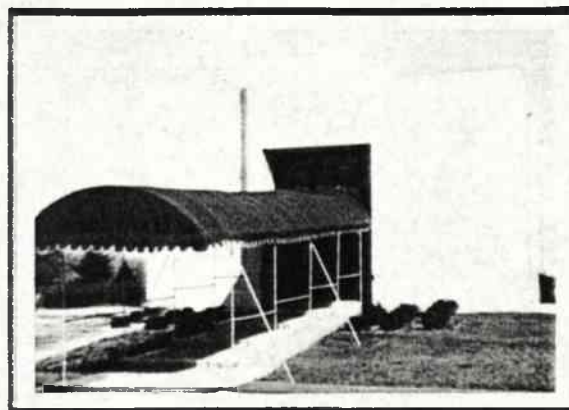
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Cemeteries Wigo Co



This guide folder is designed to assist the visitor in locating major points of interest in Roselawn Memorial Park.

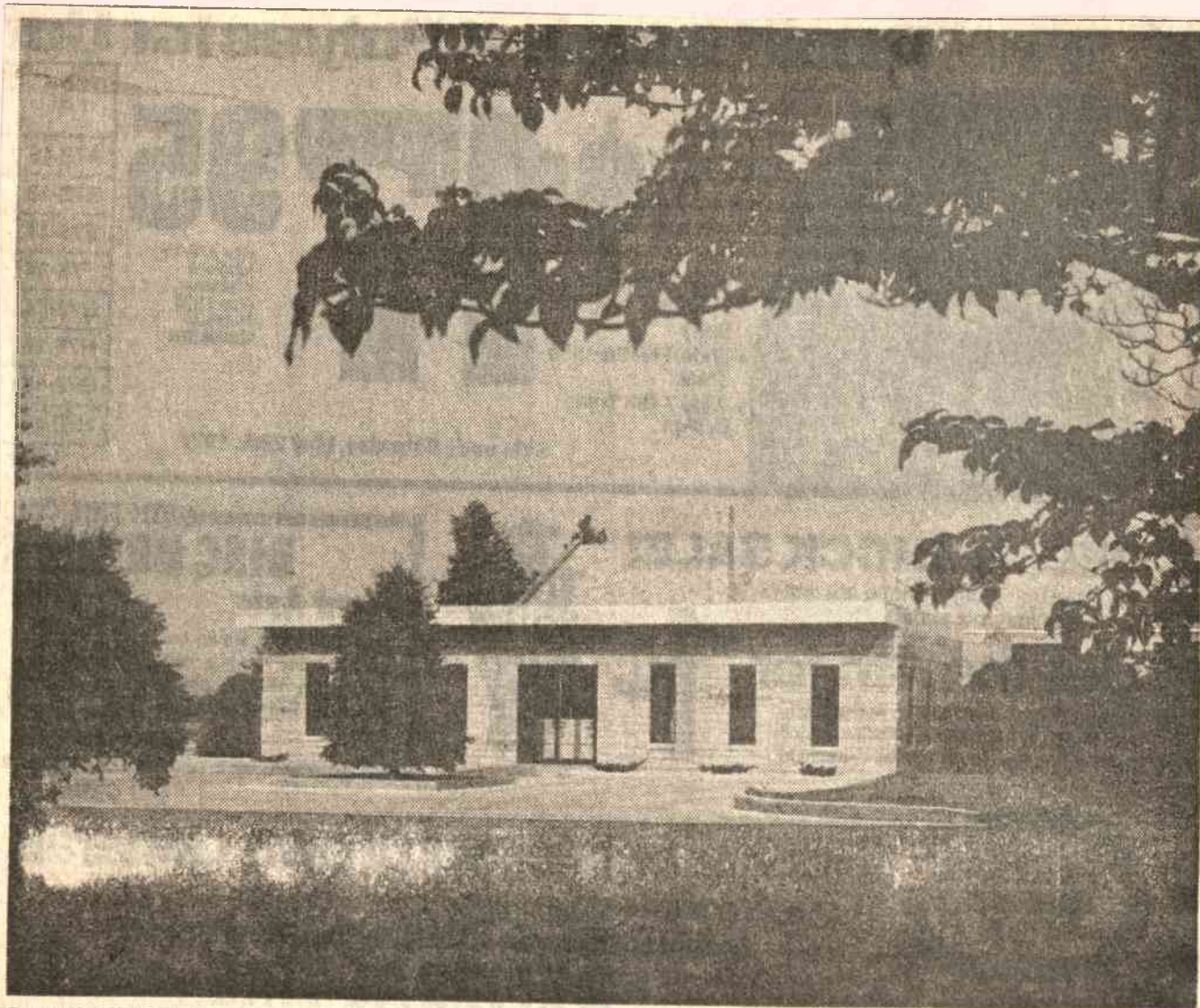
The Map shows all sections - which are lettered or named, points of interest are indicated by numbers.

ROSELAWN MEMORIAL PARK

P.O. BOX 5184, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

PHONE: 466-5221

5 miles north of Terre Haute
on old U.S. Highway 41



GRAND OPENING—New office building of Roselawn Memorial Park Cemetery will be held Sunday and Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Until the new office building was constructed, offices of Roselawn were in the Chamber of Commerce building where it started in 1929. Assistance will

be available for lot owners wishing to place flags on the graves of veterans, or flower containers on other graves. The building also houses the Memorial Arts Studio. The building was erected by Marsh, Inc.

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Cemeteries (Vigo Co.)

Vigo County Public Library

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Community Affairs File
Wernsing Retires
Roselawn Post DEC 30 1975

Bernard H. "Barney" Wernsing, manager of Roselawn Memorial Park and Memorial Art Studio, Inc., will retire as of Dec. 31, according to the board of directors.

Wernsing, manager of the two corporations since November 1953, will be replaced by George E. Dunkin effective Jan. 1, 1976.

In making the announcement of Mr. Wernsing's retirement, a spokesman for the Board of Directors said, "Under the direction of Mr. Wernsing since 1953, Roselawn Memorial Park has developed into one of the finest memorial parks in the country. We feel that in the selection of Mr. Dunkin to replace Mr. Wernsing, we have found a general manager who will continue the enviable reputation of service so firmly established at Roselawn." Mr. Dunkin is a native of Terre Haute and a graduate of Indiana State University with the Class of 1950. He also holds a Masters Degree in Social Services from Indiana University. Dunkin returned to Terre Haute in 1970 to become the first layman director of Gibault School for Boys from 1971 to 1973. For the past two years he has been in the automobile business. He resides with his wife, Carol at 1120 Mary Lane in Honey Creek township.

Roselawn Memorial Association was granted its charter to operate Roselawn Memorial Park in 1929. The original plat of 50 acres was dedicated and purchased from the Overpeck family. The park is now made up of a total of 297 acres, located five miles north of Terre Haute on old U.S. Highway 41. Some 160 acres of the park are undeveloped and available for future expansion. 16,625 interments have been made in the park since its

opening in 1929.

Mr. Kenneth Andrews is Superintendent of the Park. Mrs. Russell Peterson is office manager at the Association's downtown office in the Chamber of Commerce building.

The second phase of the Garden Mausoleum was completed in 1975, with future plans calling for additions as needed.

A perpetual care trust fund is administered by the First National Bank of Terre Haute and guarantees forever the same high level of care for the Park that has marked its first 46 years of operation.

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Cemeteries (WV) Ruggles

RUGGLES CEMETERY

According to Roger and Sheryl Schwier, 5797 W. 1000 N., Fountaintown IN 46130, there is a stone for Claude, son of ?M and ME Pickens, born 1878, in Ruggles Cemetery near the stone for Wade Pickens, son of Dr. FM and ME Pickens, born and died in 1882. See Wilhoit's Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana, volume two, page 52 & 53.

The "Alvar" Brown listed on page 52 may be the same as Alvarian P. Brown who died March 1, 1877

RUSSELL CEMETERY

This cemetery is located in Lost Creek Township, Vigo County, Indiana.

To get to it you must go to Stop 10 Road and U.S. 40. This road is the first road east of Rose Hulman Inst. Turn north on Stop 10 Road and travel almost ten miles. You will have to go past nine curves and on the tenth curve on your left you will see a wire fence entrance to private property. After you enter through the fence gate you must go about 225 - 230 yards up a hill almost due north west of the entrance.

This property used to be owned by a James H. Russell many years ago but it is now owned by his relations William and Russell Stewart.

On June 28, 1990, Mr. Paul Buckallew and I along with Mr. James L. Russell, who escorted us to the cemetery.

This cemetery is a cemetery of color. There are only known four graves that are marked, but it is thought that there might be more graves that are unmarked.

1. James H. Russell 1840 - 1915
2. Eliza J. Russell 1846 - 19__ (She was the daughter of Isom and Julia Wall and the wife of James)
3. Jennie Anderson (no dates on stone) daughter of Clark Anderson
4. "Father" (no other readings on this marker)

(Note) It is reported that possibly Isom Russell and his wife Julie, and one of their son's Arthur and his wife Julia Wall are also buried there in unmarked graves.

When Eliza J's first husband James H. Russell died she married again to Charles Norton/Horton. It is unknown if he too is buried there.

Mr. Nelson R. Eddy of Terre Haute, In.

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Cemeteries (W.V.)

RUSSELL CEMETERY

Ernestine Whitfield
679 S. 300 West
Kokomo, Indiana

Dear Nancy:

I visited your library several weeks ago and I checked with the other gentleman on the location of the Russell Cemetery in Terre Haute.

We were discussing the Colored Cemeteries in Vigo County. We did visit the cemetery. It was approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Burnett Indiana. It is located in Otter Creek Township and in Vigo County. It is not registered.

Enclosed are some pictures of several tombstones that were found there in this cemetery.

Also, here are several names of known people buried there and there are several unmarked graves also.

1. Jeanie Anderson
2. Charles Norton
3. Eliza J. Russell
4. James Horatius Russell
5. Arthur Waugh
6. Baby Waugh--Son of Kenneth Waugh

One of the large tombstone's has been knocked down by cattle grazing and we hope to get this cemetery fenced.

If you need any direction to the location of this cemetery please contact this local phone number. He is the grandson of the deceased James Horatius Russell. Directions to the grandson's house are as follows: Take Hawthorne East until it ends at a T road, turn left and the Russell's live in the second house.

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James Russell (Dock) RR51 Box 467
Terre Haute, Indiana
Phone 877-9554

I will enclose a self addressed envelope and please inform if I can be of further help and I would like to know if this will get the cemetery registered.

Yours Truly

Ernestine Whitfield

